

East Central Alberta Heritage Society

Minutes of Directors Meeting February 28, 2011
Stettler Tourism and Business Centre
Stettler, Alberta

Present: Norma Leslie, Bob Willis, Al Leinweber, Bruce Gartside, Jim Conibear, Charlie Usher, John Grant, and Alan Willis.

1.0 Call to Order –President Norma Leslie called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and welcome those attending.

2.0 Approval of Agenda - It was moved by Alan Willis that the agenda be approved. CARRIED

3.0 Minutes of the January 24, 2011 meeting – It was moved by Al Leinweber that the minutes as circulated be approved. CARRIED

4.0 Business arising from the last meeting:

4.1 Status of Website Project – Website is updated on a semi-regular basis and new material is added if and when it become available.

4.2 Gaming License – Nothing new to report.

4.3 Natural Linear Parks – Work on the Natural Linear Parks is mostly complete and what is left to be done is suspended until the snow melts and warm weather returns. The crew was down and burn three of four waste piles at Rowley last week. Waste and recyclable reciprocals have arrived and are ready for installation. Work on picnic table is complete and all ten of these tables are ready for delivery to the parks. Work on the fully self contained bathrooms for each park has started and will be complete well in advance of the time when the underground tanks can be dug in and cement pads are poured on site.

Alan Willis is working on coming up with a design for “welcome” and “instruction signage” for each park and should have something ready for board review at the next meeting. These signs will need to be approved by Canadian Badlands and the other folks providing funding.

There appears to be a problem with determining the ownership of an old road allowance that crosses the Natural Linear Park north of Meeting Creek that has to be resolved before a development permit will be issued by Camrose County.

4.6 Stettler-Donalda Track Project – Less than ideal weather and cold temperatures in December suspended all work on relaying rail and will not resume until late April or early May. Project completion has been set for the end of August 2011. Although spiking of the rails already in place can resume as snow is gone, the remaining materials can't be distributed until the ground dries. Heavy equipment will rip up the rights of way if work resumes before conditions are right.

5.0 Correspondence

- 5.1 Rocky Mountain Rail Society bi-monthly newsletter
- 5.2 County of Stettler notice of changes to Land Use Bylaw

6.0 Treasurer's Report

6.1 Financial Statements:

Bob Willis presented the financial statements for the society dated to February 28, 2011. Copies of which are attached to these minutes.

It was moved by Al Leinweber, seconded by Charlie Usher, that the financial statements be accepted as presented. CARRIED

6.2 Accounts Payable:

There were no accounts payable for consideration.

7.0 Reports:

7.1 Fund Raising – Bruce Gartside reports that he has been working on a number of initiatives including Alberta Rural Development but is not too hopeful about obtaining funds from this group at least.

7.2 Executive Committee – Nothing new to report.

7.3 Public Relations – It is the boards opinion that another newsletter should be published at least in time to promote ECAHS's annual general meeting Monday, March 28.

7.4 Lands Administration – Nothing new to report

7.5 Special Projects – See information above under business from minutes.

8.0 New Business:

8.1 There was no new business coming before the meeting.

9.0 Next Meeting of the East Central Alberta Heritage Society will be the Annual General Meeting and election of officers. The date for that meeting is set for Monday, March 28, 2011 at the Stettler Tourism and Business Centre.

10.0 Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting adjourned on a motion by John Grant. CARRIED

CHAIRMAN _____

SECRETARY _____